Working with students to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding required for the 21st Century commands a learning process that is relevant, in demand, and universally applicable. Preparing them for specific demands in a society that are competitive and complex with a technology driven economy means that we need to work together to foster a set of abilities that will provide students with the confidence and resilience to succeed.

The Partnership for 21st Century Skills lists endorses three types of skills for students to have:

**Learning Skills**
Critical and creative thinking.
Collaboration and Communication.

**Literacy Skills**
Information, Media and Technology Literacies.

**Life Skills**
Flexibility, initiative, social skills and productivity.

In order to cope with a constantly changing world, these skills are deemed to not only assist in an information-based system but prepare students for an information-age where students need ‘to think deeply about issues, solve problems creatively, work in teams, communicate clearly in many media, learn ever-changing technologies and deal with a flood of information.’

http://thoughtfullearning.com/resources/what-are-21st-century-skills

**Collaborative Project**
Irene McCormack Catholic College is involved in the Collaborative Project, an initiative by the Catholic Education Office in Western Australia. This project enables key staff to work with groups of students to foster their learning skills and knowledge development. With the support from Lyn Sharratt, a professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto, our key staff meet regularly to plan, reflect and implement various strategies to best meet student outcomes.

**Catholic Performing Arts**
At the recent launch of the Catholic Performing Arts Festival, Dr Tim McDonald, Executive Director of Catholic Education in Western Australia highlighted “In 2015 more than 19,500 students will take part in the Festival which is a testament not only to the depth of talent within the system, but to the dedication of the teachers who help develop, nurture and bring those talents to the stage. Pope Francis encourages young people to “put your talents at the service of the Gospel, with creativity and boundless charity” (Pontifex December 7 2013) and certainly the Annual Performing Arts Festival is the perfect embodiment of the Pope’s intent.”

**Parish Weekend Mass Times**

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Heartfelt congratulations are extended to the following students for their commitment, dedication and success:

Year 9 student Stephanie Stockbauer and Year 11 student Harrison Hill who each received a Certificate of Merit in the Secondary Vocal Solo/Duet section of the Festival, and to the Year 11/12 Drama Team who received an Honourable Mention in the Drama section of the Festival for their performance of an original piece written by Year 12 student Anissa Abdennebi.

We also acknowledge the dedicated efforts of Miss Kylie Malam, Miss Tamara Brankstone, Miss Sinead Harte, Miss Francesca Christie and Mrs Rosalie Richardson for their dedication and commitment in nurturing the wonderful talents of our students.

**College 2016 Production**

We also congratulate the following students who have been selected to dance in the 2016 College Production:


**2015 Angelico Exhibition**

Congratulations to the following students whose work has been selected for the 2015 Angelico Exhibition:

Year 12 Jade Larkman,
Year 12 Ola Stoppa
Year 12 Tara Browne
Year 11 Danielle Vahala
Year 11 Lucie
Year 8 Teal Scherini

We thank Mrs Amy Richardson, Mr Michael Speechley, Mr Craig Mecham and Miss Bronte Reeves for their encouragement and support.

**Year 12 TISC Applications**

On Friday, 7th August, the Year 12 ATAR students will receive the 2016 TISC Guide. This is an important document that provides students and families with university application information. Accompanied with a personalised letter, students are informed about how to apply and access their WACE results online. We urge you and your child to read through the guide and follow the step by step process in the selection of preferences for their relevant university courses. Please note that the online preference selection begins on Monday, 10th August and concludes at 11.00pm on Wednesday, 30th September 2015. There is an application fee of $27. Students are welcome to see Ms Tonkin, Mr Billingsley or Ms Bonfiglio for further clarification.

**Father Jeffery’s Ordination**

A humbling, once in a life-time experience, enabled parishioners, family and friends to partake in the commissioning of Deacon Jeffery Casabuena to Father Jeffery Casabuena. Archbishop Timothy Costello SDB conferred the Sacrament of Holy Orders on Saturday, 1st August at 10.00am before a congregation of approximately 1,000 people at St Mary’s Cathedral.
It was a wonderful opportunity to experience the investiture of the clergy and the laying on of hands. Father Jeffey offered Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} August at 9.00am at Saint Andrew's Parish to a congregation of approximately 500. Festivities lasted for the day and included food, drink, music and thanksgiving. We congratulate Fr Jeffey on his Ordination.

**Sports Teams, Groups and Graduation Photographs**

On Monday, 24\textsuperscript{th} August the photographs for all Sports Teams, Music groups, after school Clubs and Year 12 Class of 2015 will take place. Students will be notified of the allocated time.

Students must wear full Winter uniform for all group photographs.

**PISA International Student Assessment**

PISA is an international computer based assessment of how prepared students are for adult life. A group of Year 10 and 11 students from every high school in Australia are randomly selected to undertake the assessment. Twenty students from the College have been selected to be part of the assessment.

The assessment will take place in the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, 25\textsuperscript{th} August, 2015. All students and parents who have been selected will be notified by the Dean of Year.

Mr Andrew Billingsley  
Dean of Year 12

**Language Perfect Competition**

I would like to thank all the Year 7 and 8 French students who participated in the IMCC Language Perfect Competition last week. The students have answered over 37,000 questions!

Congratulations to the top three students who scored over 1000 points and have won iTunes vouchers! First prize to Year 8 student, Daisy Smith (8EA) who scored 1370 points, second prize to Nhial Mayuen (7GB) and third prize to Jayde Hilson (7EA). Bravo!

Ms Cat Harrison  
Languages Co-ordinator

**Music**

Week 3 has seen some more fantastic performances at the Catholic Performing Arts Festival.

This week the Brass Ensemble, Rock Bands and Percussion Ensemble performed at different locations including Corpus Christi College – a long drive from Irene McCormack Catholic College! Once again the enthusiasm from these groups was energetic!

The evening performances from the Rock Bands are always well supported events. It was particularly wonderful to see the students' support for each other backstage.
Congratulations to the following performers:

**Brass Ensemble:** Tahlia Barron, Kaleb Erikson, Kallum Erikson and Lewis Wood.

**Year 7 Rock Band:** John Bone, Kaleb Erikson, Jak Swan, Ruby Walsh, Aidan Warbrick, Sophie Wilkinson, Nic Wood.

**Year 8 Rock Band:** Camron Anderson, Jac Donnelly, Kiera Duddy, Alex Hardy, Morgan Pearson, Jasmine Turner, Amanda Welch, Caleb Whiting.

**Year 9 Rock Band:** Katrina Boult, Kallum Erikson, Callie Hughes, Mikiel McNamara, Victoria Pang, Shannon Thompson, Stephanie Stockbauer.

**Year 11 Rock Band:** Jeremiah Ayalde, Megan Buckland, Sean Butler, Ryan Collinson, Harrison Hill, Kenrick Lakatani, Reagan Whiting.

**Percussion Ensemble:** Lauren Axiak, Jaz Baker, Mikhael Calma, Ryan Collinson, Jac Donnelly, Harrison Hill, Jay Hudson, Thomas Walsh, Tyler Walsh.

Performances continue until 2\textsuperscript{nd} September, so there is plenty of time to support the students by attending any of the indicated events!
Catholic Performing Arts Festival Dates:

Monday, 10th August        Drum Solos
Wednesday, 12th August     Acoustic Guitar Solos
Thursday, 13th August      Swing Band and Jazz Ensemble
Friday, 14th August        Electric Guitar Solos
Monday, 17th August        Dance Teams
Monday, 24th August        Brass and Woodwind Solos
Tuesday, 25th August       2108 Singers and Barbershop
Wednesday, 26th August     Drama Solos
Tuesday, 1st September     Piano Solos
Wednesday, 2nd September  Piano Solos

Miss Kylie Malam
Head of Performing Arts

ASX Schools Sharemarket Game

Do you have what it takes to make millions on the share market? Year 10 students are encouraged to sign up to participate in the ASX Schools Sharemarket Game. Trading commences on 20th August to 28th October, and is open to individual players and teams of four players. Amazing cash prizes are on offer.

Interested participants will be required to attend a weekly Share Trading meeting after school on Wednesdays commencing Week 4.

For more information see Miss Lo Biundo in the Society and Environment Office.

Mrs Adele Baker
Head of Society & Environment

Vocational Education

Please see the Vocational Education Newsletter, accompanying the McCormack Messenger, for full details on all career matters and events including the following:

- ECU Mt Lawley and WAAPA Open Day - Sunday, 9th August.
- University of Western Australia Open Day - Sunday, 9th August.
- TISC applications for 2016 admission will open on Monday, 10th August.
- State Training Provider (TAFE) applications open on Monday 31st August.
- Year 12 General VET pathway students - assistance with applications.
- Year 12 University/ATAR pathway students - assistance with applications.
- University Scholarships
- Appointments for Year 10-11 Subject Selection.

Ms Chris Tonkin
Career Counsellor
St Andrew’s Parish News

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
A Journey in Faith

Are you considering becoming a Catholic or do you know of someone who wishes to join the Catholic Church?
Are you baptised and would like to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation?
Or you just want to learn more about the Catholic faith?
For further information please contact Fr. Robert or Rainer: 9407 7512 or
Gail Finch: 0417723048 or gfinch2011@hotmail.com

Community News

20th Anniversary of Francis Jordan Catholic School, Currambine.
Past students are invited to attend an afternoon tea at Sue Groves Hall at the School.
Sunday, 13th September, 2015 3.30pm to 5.00pm.
RSVP huggins.cathy@fjcs.wa.edu.au before 31st August for catering purposes.

Water Corporation Snap a Waterwise Photo Competition.
Can you express your thoughts through the eye of a lens? Students are invited to take a photo that depicts the importance of water and its impact on our future.
Open to all Western Australian schools Years K-12. Entries must be received by 5pm, Friday 25th September 2015.

Stronger Teens Camp, Perth Catholic Youth Ministry.
2nd - 4th October, 2015 at Fairbridge Village, Pinjarra.

Ms Nancy Bonfiglio
Acting Principal